

CARYOPTERIS Hint of Gold ('Lisaura')

Origin: Bred by English Plantsman Peter Catt

Species: *x indica*

Protection Status: PPAF

Characteristics:

'**Hint of Gold**' has good golden foliage that holds up well in the heat in the southeast – it easily survived the heat of summers in Georgia! There is some *indica* blood in its lineage but the breeder believes that other species are important contributors. '**Hint of Gold**' has a beautiful compact habit with large leaves that have a slight sheen to them. The mid to deep blue flowers form a complete whorl around the stem and they appear to be sterile. The breeder believes that '**Hint of Gold**' to be as hardy as a normal *Caryopteris*, and we are doing over-wintering tests. Best to have two prunings to maintain its appearance.

- **Hardiness:** USDA Zone 6
- **Bloom:** Mid to deep blue flowers form a whorl around the stem in late summer and so far appear to be sterile.
- **Foliage:** Golden foliage has a slight sheen.
- **Habit:** Compact, tidy habit 24-30".
- **Culture:** Full sun, well-drained soil.

